

BASKETBALL IS  
POPULAR SPORT

Eastern Colleges Already  
Begin Work Mapping  
Out Schedules.

New York, April 15.—While it was presumed that the Intercollegiate Basketball League would resume operations next year on the full preparatory basis, the announcement that such is actually the plan will serve to reassure those who felt that Dartmouth, which abandoned the sport this season, would not take it up again. Not only will the green revive basketball next season, but it also expects to engage a "regular" coach and lay the foundations for a winning system.

**Will Make Schedule.**  
The work of mapping out a league schedule for 1929 has been deferred, and it is not unlikely that a new arrangement of games will be tried out. One suggestion that has been made calls for the establishment of three-game series between teams instead of the usual two-game arrangement.

Under such a plan each team would meet every other team three times in the course of the season, and would play 15 league games instead of 10, as at present. The full league schedule would also be increased by 15 games, making a total of 45.

Such a schedule would be neither unworkable nor burdensome and the only difficulty would be in deciding where to play the third game. That could be satisfactorily arranged, however, either by tossing a coin or ruling that where a team played one home and two out of town games with an opponent one year it would reverse the arrangement the following season.

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TEXAS VARSITY  
PLAYERS GOOD

Batting Averages for the  
Season Show Longhorns  
Are Hard Hitters.

Austin, Tex., April 15.—Batting averages compiled from the records of the intercollegiate games played on Clark field this season show that the Longhorns, the University of Texas baseball team, have a larger number of steady and consistent hitters than the ordinary Texas team. Five of Billy Dick's proteges are slugging the ball for an average well up near the 400 mark, and a number of others are crowding the 300 mark close. A feature that is much pleasing to Longhorn fans is the way the pitching staff are coming in for their share of the hits and runs.

Dick's most dependable moundmen, Falk, McNamara and Barry, are all mighty wielders of the yellow, drip Penn, who has borne the brunt of the receiving so far this season has also been hitting at regular intervals.

**Cleaner Man.**  
Falk, the clean up man, is Billy Dick's batting order in one of the mightiest sluggers who ever donned the orange and white uniform, as well as being a star pitcher. First baseman and outfielder. He has been a terror to opposing pitchers all season.

Dobbie Cannon, the Longhorn left-gardener, has through speed and general aggressiveness placed himself well in the lead for batting honors of the team. His hitting and base running have been a feature of every game.

The averages compiled from the records of the intercollegiate games are: Cannon, at bat 38, hits 11, average .289; Falk, at bat 21, hits 8, average .381; J. Green, at bat 22, hits 8, average .364; McCullough, at bat 21, hits 8, average .381; Penn, at bat 15, hits 6, average .400; Barry, at bat 22, hits 6, average .273; Falk, at bat 15, hits 4, average .267.

**INVEST**

R. HAYDEN WANTS  
TO MEET CHAMP

Crack Negro Middleweight  
Would Clash With  
Navy Champion.

Columbus, N. M., April 15.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Jess Willard-Jack Dempsey battle for the world's championship on July 4, who announced some time ago that he planned a \$10,000 army-navy preliminary to his main go, has replied to the candidacy of Speedball Hayden, of the 24th U. S. infantry, as a possible entry in any elimination contest that might be held among army boxers for the right to be selected to meet the navy boxer.

**Is Unsettled.**  
Through his secretary, Ike Dorgan, Tex Rickard states that the question of an army-navy bout is still unsettled, and that it would probably be some time before the army athletic officials at Washington had taken it up. Further information was that there would be no long drawn out elimination series in the different classes, as that would take too long, but that two outstanding boxers in one particular class, would be named, provided arrangements were amenable.

In the meantime, whether or not Speedball Hayden ever does get a crack at the big bout tentatively planned, he is gradually rounding into the fittest condition possible for his schedule of 30 round bouts with Jimmy Duffy, Oakland, Calif. boxer, in the open air arena here May 5, at the 21st camp.

Teams Practice  
For Easter Game

Both the City league and Seventh cavalry teams are practicing daily for the scheduled game Sunday at Rio Grande park. The Seventh will work out at Rio Grande park this afternoon and again tomorrow afternoon.

Col. S. R. H. Tompkins, commander of the Seventh regiment, has consented to pick the first ball of the game.

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"Try One Today"

## SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

**BURNS-SMITH CONTEST.**  
Eleven years ago today Tommy Burns knocked out Jewey Smith in the fifth round in Paris. Jewey was a Hercules in strength, and was looked upon as a promising man to stop the triumphant career of the American invader, who had trampled rough shod over Gunner Moir, the English champion, and Jack Palmer, and who had put Jim Roche, the pride of Ireland, to sleep with one blow during the conference over the signing of articles Jewey showed some reluctance to sign, when Tommy said: "Aw, go on and sign, Smith, don't be yellow, I'll let you stay a few rounds just to save your face." That made Jewey hopping mad, and he lost no time in attacking his signature. When he faced the redoubtable Canadian in the ring, however, he soon discovered that Tommy hadn't been spoofing. Burns played with Jewey for a few rounds—perhaps he remembered his promise—and then put over the punch that sent Jewey to dreamland. Jewey Smith was one of the many false alarms among the English heavies of the last decade, and his bubble of fame burst the first time he tackled a real fighter.

**COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT.**  
The recent changing of clocks to meet the daylight savings plan brought out an interesting story by Truck Hinz, a well-known boxer, who said that he couldn't figure out the change that was made last fall to set the clocks back to the usual schedule. Truck was working in a California oil field which was operating on a triple shift system, each shift working eight hours. Hinz's schedule called for his working from 11 o'clock at night until 7 in the morning. He started his shift that night at 7, and after having worked until 2 o'clock they set the clock back to 1, and he and his fellow workers had to work that hour all over again.

Truck says that that hour was the longest he can remember, waiting for the hands to get back to the place where they had been. When he quit work in the morning at 7 o'clock he had put in nine hours on an eight hour shift.

**ANNIVERSARY OF KETCHEL-HINZ BATTLE IN RING.**  
It will be 15 years ago tomorrow since Stanley Ketchel and Truck Hinz fought a 20 round draw at Miles City, Mont. At that period of his career Ketchel was a back trader in Montana and fighting was only one of his many side lines. He was then 17 years old and had never had any instruction in the art of boxing, and all he knew he had picked up for himself.

## BASEBALL

Club	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	9	1	.900
Oakland	7	3	.700
Salt Lake	6	4	.600
San Francisco	5	5	.500
Seattle	4	6	.400
Sacramento	3	7	.300
Vernon	2	8	.200
Portland	1	9	.100

**Where They Play Saturday.**  
Portland at Salt Lake.  
Los Angeles at Vernon.  
San Francisco at Oakland.  
Seattle at Sacramento.  
At Salt Lake City.  
R. H. E.  
Salt Lake ..... 1 2 3  
Portland ..... 5 6 1  
Batteries: Portland, Jones, Penner and Baker; Salt Lake, Schorr, Conkright and Spencer.  
At Los Angeles.  
R. H. E.  
Los Angeles ..... 1 2 3  
Vernon ..... 1 2 3  
Batteries: Los Angeles, Brown and Lapan; Vernon, Dell and Devorner.  
At Oakland.  
R. H. E.  
San Francisco ..... 4 5 3  
Oakland ..... 6 7 3  
Batteries: San Francisco, Couch, Barn and McKee; Oakland, Brennan and Mize.  
At Sacramento.  
R. H. E.  
Seattle ..... 7 13 2  
Sacramento ..... 7 13 2  
Twelve Innings.  
Batteries: Seattle, Bowman, Birbee, Maltz, Schulz, Falkenberg and Coleman; Sacramento, Piercy, McKenny and Fisher.

**EXHIBITION GAMES.**  
At St. Louis.  
R. H. E.  
St. Louis Americans ..... 1 2 3  
St. Louis Nationals ..... 3 14 2  
Batteries: Americans, Lowdermilk, Leifield, Koch and Buller; Nationals, Goodwin, May, Turner and Clemen.  
At Newport News.  
R. H. E.  
Brooklyn Nationals ..... 1 2 3  
New York Americans ..... 2 4 1  
Batteries: Brooklyn, Noman and Miller; New York, Magridge, Nelson and Haunach.  
At Norfolk, Va.  
R. H. E.  
New York Nationals ..... 4 13 2  
Washington Americans ..... 2 10 1  
Twelve Innings.  
Batteries: New York, Denton, Smith and McCarty; Washington, Johnson, Craft and Acers.  
At Oklahoma City.  
R. H. E.  
Chicago Nationals ..... 4 6 1  
Oklahoma City Westerns ..... 8 2 2  
Batteries: Chicago, Hendryx, Douglas and Kilfiter; Oklahoma City, Wells, Stoner, Dennis and Kennedy.  
At Nashville, Tenn.  
R. H. E.  
Chicago Americans ..... 5 3 2  
Nashville Southern Association ..... 5 7 2

Premier Pitcher  
Ready for Game

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—After getting measured for a uniform, Grover Cleveland Alexander, premier pitcher of the National league, left here Thursday night for his home in St. Paul, Minn., to visit his mother before starting the baseball season. Alexander plans to join the Cubs upon their return from the spring training trip next Tuesday.

Volley Ball to  
Hold the Boards

Saturday night the Business Men's volleyball team of the Y. M. C. A. will meet a picked team from Fort Bliss at the association gymnasium. The Business Men's team has been undefeated for five years and are anticipating some hard opposition from the military team. The Business Men's team has issued a challenge to all teams of this district for a game to be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on some future date. Both teams are expected to arrive for the game which will be free to all.

WILL SELL STAMPS AT PARK  
GET THEM INSTEAD OF CHANGE

DALLAS, Tex., April 15.—The "Marines' War Savings society" is one of the latest in Dallas. This is composed of the members of the Dallas Baseball club of the Texas league, which was named the Marines by a popular vote. Mrs. Walter Mattick, first woman to be business manager of a professional baseball team in the southwest, if not the world, is secretary of the society, and Jewel Hinz, veteran third baseman, who has just been honorably discharged from the army, is president.

**Will Sell Stamps.**  
Mrs. Mattick is the wife of Walter Mattick, or "Chick" as he is popularly called, one of the owners of the franchise, former member of the Chicago White Sox and for several years a popular player in the Pacific Coast league. Mrs. Mattick announced that Thrift Stamps will be kept at the ticket window this season to be given in change for tickets when requested. It has also been announced by Hamilton Patterson, president of the Dallas Baseball club, that the Dallas Baseball club will be admitted to all games free. "I think that everybody should save something," Mrs. Mattick said, in talking about the Marines' War Savings society, "so I am glad to act as secretary for the boys. These persons who save regularly and systematically enjoy life much more than those who squander all they earn. Most ball players are thrifty and a large number of them save enough of their salaries to retire on."

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Handball Very  
Popular at 'Y'

Handball has become so popular at the local Y. M. C. A. that physical director A. L. Holm has found it necessary to arrange three special nights for this game Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Handball is being played by all classes of the association and particularly the older boys and business men. The game is played by doubles and fours. Play starts at 5:15 o'clock and continues until 7 o'clock. Handball, according to director Holm is one of the most athletic games played indoors.

Twirler Walsh To  
Try 'Comeback'

At a banquet tendered Clarence Howland and Hugh Brennan, new owners of the Milwaukee club, by Milwaukee fans last week, Howland announced the names of a number of players he had in line. Among the number was Ed Walsh, once great spitball pitcher of the Chicago White Sox. Walsh will act as a sort of assistant to Howland and take a turn in the box. He has secured Howland as can often winning ball in the association and the fans everywhere will watch with much interest his efforts.

Veteran Player  
Quits the Game

Vancouver, B. C., April 15.—"Clash" Taylor, popular veteran hockey crack of the Pacific coast Hockey association, announced recently that he is through with chasing the puck. Taylor has played for several seasons with the Vancouver team and was considered by the majority of the northwest critics as the best player on the Canadian squad.

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